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The Times' Daily Short Story.

His Self Confidence

(Original.)
When Herman Easton parted with his mother in England, she returned to her home in America, he to finish his studies at Oxford, her last injunctions were to study hard, to beware of designing women and not make a misalliance. He assured her that he was wide awake on the latter subject, and she had nothing to fear for him. Half a year later he was graduated with high honors and wrote his mother that he had followed the first of her requests, and a man who could accomplish what he had accomplished at one of the oldest universities in the world certainly should be trusted not to make a fool of himself in becoming entangled with an unworthy woman.

A few weeks after that he took passage on an ocean liner for home. On the voyage he became acquainted with a lady who was registered as the Hon. Amelia Drysdale. She was of refined appearance, and her manners were those of the British aristocracy, a number of whom Easton had met while spending vacations with his university friends. She knew several titled people he had met and described them. One of his college mates she claimed as a relative. "What, Cousin Dick?" she exclaimed. "Well, upon my word, to think that you should have been friends!"

There is nothing like discovering mutual friends to draw travelers together, and Easton was delighted at finding a young and pretty woman with whom to pass time which was all leisure. The Hon. Miss Drysdale was traveling with her mother, who, being troubled with seasickness, kept her room during the whole voyage. They were going to travel in America, first visiting friends in Newport whom Easton knew well by reputation. The moon when the ship left port was in the second quarter, and since fine weather prevailed he and the Hon. Miss Drysdale passed their evenings on deck under the soothing influence of its light. Byron says, "The devil's in the moon for mischief."

Whether this be so or not, Easton found that it was especially conducive to drawing two people of opposite sex together. Besides, the time spent in England had given him a fancy for its aristocracy. "Mother," he said to himself, "I thought me silly enough to get entangled with some actress or chorus girl. What would she say if I could tell her on my arrival that I was engaged to a daughter of an earl? I can't do that, of course, especially in so short a time, but I have friends at Newport, and I shall take care to secure invitations there."

Once just before reaching port he ventured to hint at more than an acquaintance, but the lady gently took occasion to say that all acquaintances

with any but those born to the creeds to which she had been accustomed could be only transitory. But on the morning of their arrival while they stood on deck, the vessel steaming up New York bay, she turned from him with a sigh that gave him a faint hope. Just before coming down the gang-plank the mother came up, and Easton was presented. She was old and fat, and her daughter in no way resembled her. Easton offered the mother his arm, but the daughter would not permit. Instead she asked him to carry a bundle of umbrellas and parasols strapped together. He did so and when they had disembarked called a carriage for them, putting the umbrellas in after them.

As he was closing the carriage door he thought he saw a slight pallor come upon the face of the Hon. Miss Drysdale, which he could not but attribute to the parting. Quickly drawing one of the umbrellas from the package, one with a large silver knob on the handle, she gave it to him, saying:

"Please accept this as a token of my appreciation for your kindness during the voyage."

He bowed his acknowledgments and turned away. Then the carriage and all that made life a special of happiness for him departed.

Easton joined his mother, who was waiting for him on the dock. He concluded to have his baggage examined and take it with him. While waiting his turn he stood talking with his mother. His heart was too full to keep off the subject that engrossed it.

"Mother," he said, "I haven't been picked up by an adventuress. On the contrary, I have met a daughter of a British peer. I can't tell you that I have you here, but I am sure she loves me."

At that moment a customs inspector stepped up to him and said: "I'll trouble you for that umbrella." Easton was indignant, but surrendered the umbrella. The official opened it and took out a small silver knob. The knob answered, and the official shook the hollow handle. Out came a little ball of tissue paper. Unwrapped, it displayed a valuable diamond. The handle was full of diamonds.

Easton was thunderstruck. "No blame to you," said the official. "We had a cablegram warning us of a smuggler personating the Hon. Amelia Drysdale, whose maid she had been. She saw that I was watching her, and I saw her give you the umbrella. She's under arrest. I'll trouble you for your name and address. We shall want your testimony."

During Easton's drive home with his mother the good lady spoke not a word of reproach at her son for being so easily taken in, and since he had no heart to talk they rode in silence, the mother mutely thanking heaven for having given her son a lesson.

Easton never wrote of the affair to his British friends.

EDNA L. SANBURN.

LITTLE GIRL DRAWS DYING MOTHER'S WILL

Sits Beside the Bed and Pens the Last Testament With a Trembling Hand.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 3.—Knowing that she was about to die and wishing to dispose of her estate as she had planned in the days of her health, Mrs. Louise Bushnell called her 10-year-old child, Sophie, to her bedside and had the child draw one of the strangest wills that has ever been filed for probate in Alameda county. This is the will that the trembling child drew on a billhead of her father beside the deathbed of her mother.

Fruitvale, July 24, 1906.

"Last will of Louise Bushnell—Pa is to be my executor. Pa is to have the house and sell it. When he sells it give May \$400 and Sophie \$400—my share. Sophie one hundred dollars, May other one. Thirty dollars out of it grandma. One hundred for funeral. Eighty dollars to Pa. Third hundred for Pa. If I do not die I will not give my money away until I die."

"Louise Bushnell."

The witnesses to the will are Mrs. Henrietta Walther and Alvina D. Burns, neighbors, who were called in when the little girl had completed her task. Mrs. Bushnell died a few hours after the document had been signed.

FASHION FRILLS.

A Motor Luxury—The Craze For Yellow Has Invaded Leather Goods.

A novelty this season is the cloth collar. It is in colors to match some thread in the coat.

The Parisienne has a long handled jeweled comb, which she carries in her hand to lift up puffs and rearrange curls that have become disarranged on the motor journey.

A pinfold blouse trimmed with dark green velvet is a pretty one for a green and blue plaid suit which has a simple skirt made with slot seams. A green velvet girdle and eoru chemisette finish the suit.

The craze for yellow, which is so prominent in the dressmaking world has invaded the leather goods department. Jewel cases, bags and boxes for handkerchiefs and gloves and other useful things are seen in dull, soft yellow.



SUIT OF HUNTER'S GREEN.

low suede that looks almost like chamelles. These articles are unadorned except by the necessary clasps.

A stunning coat from Paris is of baby lamb. It fits closely to the figure and has a short cape. The deep turned back cuffs are embroidered in what the French embroiderers call chair de lune silvery threads, and there are a little vest of black velvet and a collar of ermine.

The suit seen in the cut is of hunter's green cloth. The skirt is finely plaited and trimmed at the bottom with velvet ribbon, which runs up into a panel at one side. The short waisted coat is plaited from a strapped yoke. The buttons are of green velvet, set in dull silver rims.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

HE FLEECEC MANY IN EAST

New England Business Men Victims of Chas. W. Norton

NOW HELD IN CHICAGO

\$3,000,000 Swindles Charged to Him—Operated in Vermont Bought But Never Paid for Purchases.

Chicago, Nov. 3.—When brought before United States Commissioner Foote for trial, charged with using the mails to defraud, Charles W. Norton, alias "L. W. Leonard," said by the Chicago police and secret service to be one of the greatest of modern swindlers, and to have held notes and other paper worth \$2,000,000, begged for a continuance.

"Please, your honor, I am not ready to be tried. I need aid and must have time to get it," pleaded the prisoner.

The commissioner heard the complaint and then agreed to hear the case fully Saturday, November 10. Bonds were fixed at \$3,000, and the swindler said he could procure this.

The officers say that Norton would obtain stock from any person who would trust him, and agree to sell it in the market. He might, the police declare, sell the stock, and he might retain it, but the result to the person owning the stock was the same. They would receive no money from Norton, nor would the stock be returned to them.

About two years ago Norton was in Elmira, N. Y., operating the American Wholesale Brokerage company. It is also said that he was arrested once in Troy, N. Y., and also in Rutland, Vt., where he served a sentence of one year in jail for the fraudulent use of the mails. He is also said to have done business in Toledo, O., and in Boston, Mass.

GOOD OUTLOOK.

Railroads' Inability to Move Freight the Only Drawback in Business World.

New York, Nov. 3.—Despatches to R. G. Dun & Co. indicate that the only drawback of any importance in the business world is the difficulty encountered in moving freight. All jobbing lines at Portland, Me., are active, factories busy and water power slightly improved. Boston reports that wool has become very active, many cotton mills have sold their entire output for next spring, shoe stores start the spring under favorable conditions, and there is a comfortable feeling in all branches of trade. Bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States are \$2,623,032,579, a loss of 3.5 per cent. compared with last year, and 3.2 per cent. compared with the corresponding week of 1904. The loss is mainly in New York city, and is due in part to smaller transactions in the stock market this year than in each of the two preceding years with which comparison is made.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Julia Marlowe has the habit of writing postal cards to herself as reminders.

Mrs. Eugenia A. Gaylord of New York is probably the only woman bond broker in the country. She is a hustler and knows the value of bonds as well as any man.

Marionettes Townsend has published a book of verse entitled "In the King's Garden." Although the authoress is a peeress and one of the most beautiful women in England, the critics are not kind to her.

Though bitten twice by a monkey and warned that a third bite would be fatal, Mrs. Powell of Bath, England, refused to part with the animal. She was bitten again, blood poisoning set in, and death from heart failure followed.

Miss Mae K. Giles is a cotton expert in Wall street whose figures are watched for with the same eagerness as those of the United States department of agriculture. She has been nearer right than almost any other expert if the figures over a period of years are taken.

Mrs. Marshall Field is again staying at Claridge's, the most exclusive of London hotels. So far she has never met the king, but she is to have an early opportunity of doing so, his majesty being anxious to make her acquaintance. She is of the quiet type of American woman.

Mrs. Susan M. Colley, aged eighty-seven, of Harpswell, Me., recently walked six miles in one day. She has made two silk quilts and one log cabin quilt within the past year, besides fancy work, attends the Good Templars lodge Thursday evening each week, and on the Sabbath she is present at the morning and evening services at the Methodist Episcopal church.

WOMAN'S PROGRESS.

Women may now become members of the Finnish parliament and may occupy any position under parliament, from the speakership down.

The city of Stockholm, Sweden, can boast the only women's co-operative store in the world. Shareholders, management, buyers and sellers are all women. Only two men are employed. These drive the delivery wagons. Miss Anne Whitlock, leader of the woman suffragists in Sweden, was the promoter of this scheme.

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Is Your Last Day to Secure Seven
Per Cent Preferred Stock.

Owing to the rapid development of our business and the recent acquirement of additional property, and wishing to provide so that all persons who desire may have an equal opportunity to share alike in the large profits of this company, we hereby give notice that the United States Quarries and Granite Construction Company will not obligate itself to sell or deliver any of its seven per cent participating preferred stock after November 5th, 1906. Only orders received previous to that date may be honored.

Send In Your Application

Anyone desiring some of this preferred stock and who will not be in position to pay for same before the above date can make application for the amount of stock desired and make arrangements to pay for same in the future to suit their convenience, and if the limited amount offered is not all taken when application is made, their order may be filled. After the date mentioned herein, by order of the board, the preferred stock, if offered at all, may be advanced in price for the reasons above stated.

Twelve Reasons Why the Preferred Stock of the United States Quarries and Granite Construction Company is an absolutely Safe and Good Paying Investment. Read them Again Carefully.

First. Because the management of the business has had over Twenty Years' successful experience in the Granite Business.

Second. Because the members of our BOARD are recognized as the most substantial, conservative and successful men of Barre.

Third. Because it is something that IS not something that is going to be.

Fourth. Because the great value of the EXTENSIVE QUARRIES containing an unlimited amount of as good Granite as ever produced in Barre, together with the large profits of the manufacturing plant justifies the statement that the LIMITED AMOUNT of PREFERRED STOCK will DOUBLE IN VALUE in a very short time.

Fifth. Because our Company was organized along the lines of safety and permanency, and every safe guard known to the Commercial and Financial world was adopted to protect the investment of the Stockholders.

Sixth. Because every Certificate of Stock is certified to and signed by the INTERNATIONAL TRUST COMPANY of Boston, Mass. (assets over \$16,000,000) as Registrar, thereby protecting the investment of each and every stockholder.

Seventh. Because we are moving along definite, well defined lines, not by random or groping about in the darkness or depending upon the uncertainty of Fate and Fortune to build up a large paying business.

Eighth. Because our business is one that was not created in a day, or in a few months, but is the result of many years' hard work and careful preparation.

Ninth. Because we now control about TWO-THIRDS of the best quarry property in Barre, and are gradually acquiring more. And it is the unanimous opinion of EXPERT QUARRY FOREMEN who have managed Quarries in Barre for over Twenty Years and are therefore absolutely familiar with the Granite Properties of Barre, that the Granite in the EXTENSIVE properties controlled by this Company is inexhaustible and is of UNTOLD VALUE.

These FACTS can be VERIFIED by anyone who will VISIT the Granite Quarries and SEE for THEMSELVES. We will be pleased to show any parties over the Granite properties.

Tenth. Because our FIXED BUSINESS POLICY IS NEVER to incur indebtedness and thereby AT ONCE AND FOREVER protect the investment of our Stockholders against loss and our company against financial difficulties in the future.

Eleventh. Because we do our business on a STRICTLY CASH BASIS—and thereby alone save on all purchases an amount sufficient to pay a large dividend on the LIMITED AMOUNT of Stock sold. Any Banker or Business man will verify this statement. By this method of doing business it is easily seen that the COMBINED SAVINGS AND EARNINGS of the business will in a short time double the par value of the SEVEN PER CENT PREFERRED STOCK.

Twelfth. Because the Granite Business is yet in its infancy especially in BUILDING WORK in which there is the greatest amount of money to be made and our Company makes a SPECIALTY of BUILDING WORK.

Thirteenth. Because the reputation of BARRE GRANITE is already established throughout the world. It is not an article or business that has to be advertised or handled for years to make it known. The market and demand for it is already secured. BARRE GRANITE is as staple an article and as well known as the STANDARD OIL and your money invested in a Barre Granite Industry conducted along the lines above mentioned, managed and supervised by experienced and well known men is as safe, solid and secure as the

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Do not be hindered by any "Doubting Thomas" whose "IF" is so large that it hides from him the rising sun of progress. ACT AT ONCE and promote your own interests. This IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY. Apply TO-DAY for the number of Shares you want. Those making payment in full will receive their Stock Certificate at once.

EASY-PAYMENT-PLAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF STOCK.

Those wishing to secure stock on the EASY PAYMENT PLAN, fill out and return this order.

Date _____ 190__

U. S. Quarries and Granite Construction Co., 40 Main street, Barre, Vermont.

Gentlemen: I hereby agree to purchase _____ shares of fifty (\$50) dollars each, of the seven per cent preferred capital stock of your company, and agree to pay for same as follows: Enclosed please find _____ dollars as first payment. The balance of _____ dollars, I agree to pay at the rate of _____ dollars each week or month. Make certificate of stock in the name of

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A Good Hair-Food

LAD IS MISSING.

Connecticut Boy Killed Brother, Rode Away on Bicycle at Once.

Bridgeport, Ct., Nov. 3.—Michael Santa, the 11-year-old boy who accidentally shot and killed his 5-year-old brother, John, Thursday in their home in a secluded part of the town of Fairfield, has not been found, and it is the general opinion that the lad is too frightened to make an appearance.

In the absence of their father and mother the boys took down a rifle and it exploded, the ball going completely through John's head. When he died, Michael rode away on a bicycle and five other children of the Santas, all under 12 years of age, walked four miles through the country in a rain attempt to find their parents, who returned later to find their boy dead and their home deserted.

NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE.

In Opposition to That of England, France and Italy.

Vienna, Austria, Nov. 2.—Germany, Austria and Russia may form a new triple alliance. The move is contemplated as the result of Italy's evident preparations to leave the present alliance with France and England. Austria has already put out feelers and the advances have been well received.

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CAN'T BE WAKED.

Kentucky Man Fell Asleep Twelve Years Ago.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 3.—A special from Columbia, Ky., says: "A remarkable case has just come to light in Russell county, and the truth of the case is vouched for by prominent citizens. Herchall Grider, 63, fell asleep 12 years ago and all efforts to awaken him have proved unavailing to this day. During that time he has been fed on liquid nourishment twice a day. The man's pulse and physical condition are said to be normal and his muscles are more supple than those of a man who has had exercise."

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